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Hongkong, March 20, 1896.

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Hongkong, February 11, 1896.

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Hongkong, December 18, 1895.

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Business Notices.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 24th March, 1896, at 2.30 p.m., at his

Sales Rooms, Queen's Road, —

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.

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comprising:—

TAPESTRY with PLUSH-COVERED DRAW-

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J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 20, 1896.

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Intimations.

REPORTER WANTED.

WANTED—REPORTER for Daily Evening Paper; must be able to take accurate SHORT-HAND NOTES, READ PROOFS, and make himself generally useful in OFFICE WORK.

Apply with References and stating Salary.

W. Z.,

o/o China Mail Office.

4th March, 1896.

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THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Fourteenth Ordinary General Meeting of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, Pader Street, at

12.30 p.m., on FRIDAY, 31st March, for the purpose of receiving their Report, and

a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1895.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 27th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, March 6, 1896.

Notice of Firm.

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.
MESSRS. ARNOLD, KARBERG & CO. have this day been appointed SUB-AGENTS of the above Company.

1st January, 1896.

S. J. DAVID & CO., Agents, Hongkong.

WITH Reference to the above we are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE RISKS at current rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO., Sub-Agents.

Notices to Consignees.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

CONSIGNEES of cargo from TACOMA (Wash.), VICTORIA, (B.C.), and places beyond, our Company's chartered s.s. *Strathnavis*, which steamship had to put back to PORT TOWNSEND (Wash.), owing to break-down of machinery, are hereby notified that before delivery of their cargo will be granted, they will be required to furnish particular and values, and sign the Average Bond, and pay to the undernamed a deposit of Eighty per cent (80%) of the value.

The s.s. *Strathnavis* is due here about the 21st instant.

DODWELL, CARILL & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, March 14, 1896. 583

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER HYDASPE.

FROM BOMBAY & STRAITS.

CONSIGNERS of cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND CONCERN'S GODAWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out, marked by mark and delivered can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

This vessel brings on cargo.—From MANAS ex s.s. *Scandura*. Goods not cleared by the 21st Inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent. No fire insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the godowns and notice of same given to the undersigned, on or before the 23rd instant, after which no claims will be recognized.

A. WOOLLEY, Acting Superintendent, Hongkong, March 14, 1896. 587

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS AND UNDERWRITERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that ALL cargo for Hongkong from TACOMA (Wash.), VICTORIA (B.C.), and places beyond, per s.s. *Strathnavis*, has been transhipped at YOKOHAMA per s.s. *Strathnavis*, due here about the 21st instant.

DODWELL, CARILL & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, March 13, 1896. 575

To Let.

5-ROOMED BUNGALOW 'RHEDA', BONHAM ROAD.

Apply to CHINA MERCHANTS' S. N. CO., No. 22, Praya West. Hongkong, January 25, 1896. 201

To Let.

NO. 3, WEST VILLAS.

Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, Hongkong, December 4, 1895. 2284

To Let.

1ST FLOOR of No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, suitable for OFFICES or DWELLING ROOMS.

Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS. Hongkong, November 30, 1895. 2223

To Let.

LARKSPUR, UPPER RICHMOND ROAD, Seven Rooms and Tennis Lawn.

Apply to M. L. SIMON, Banque de l'Indo-Chine. Hongkong, November 5, 1895. 2060

To Let.

D. WELLING HOUSES—HOUSES IN RIDON TERRACE, NO. 17, LYNDHURST TERRACE, RICHMOND HOUSE, ROBINSON ROAD—FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED.

NO. 6 VICTORIA VIEW, Kowloon.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, March 10, 1896. 233

To Let.

(Possession 1st April, 1896).

NO. 1, ALBANY, just above the PUBLIC GARDENS.

WESTBOURNE VILLA, NORTH. Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS. Hongkong, March 10, 1896. 551

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.) WASHINGMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of ladies and gentlemen, can now be had at this Office. Price, 81 cents.

W. ROBINSON & CO.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving
Australian Ports	Taiwan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 25, at 3 p.m.
Bremen & Ports of Cal	Pruess (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	March 31, at 9 a.m.
Off o. Tsin & Ning	Kauai (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 23.
Japan	Verona (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 27, at noon.
London, v. Suez Canal	Nestor (s)	Butterfield & Swire	April 1.
London & Ports of Cal	Rossetti (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 26, at noon.
London & Ports of Cal	Tosa-Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	About March 30.
London and Hamburg	Tokio (s)	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	March 25.
London	Bombay (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 21.
London	Formento (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About April 6.
Manila, via Amoy	Esmeralda (s)	Shaw & Co.	March 23, at 5 p.m.
Marselles v. Saigon	Ernest Simon (s)	Messageries Maritimes	April 17, at noon.
Marselles, Bremen & H'burg	Dorothea Rickmers (s)	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	March 22, daylight.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Queen Olga (s)	Judkins, Matheson & Co.	March 22, daylight.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Ghaza (s)	Gaelic (s)	March 22, at noon.
San Francisco, v. Japan	Padraig (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 21.
San Francisco	Quinn (s)	Padraig (s)	Quick despatch.
San Francisco	Galatea (s)	Padraig (s)	Quick despatch.
Shanghai	Pabuk (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 23, at 8 p.m.
Shanghai, Koko & Yen	Enigma (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 21, at 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Koko & Yen	M'itus (s)	Dowdell, Cadell & Co.	About March 24.
Shanghai, Koko & Yen	Hydaspes (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 26.
Singapore & H'burg	Friga (s)	Siemens & Co.	March 23, at 3 p.m.
Singapore and Bosphorus	Hydaspes (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 21, at noon.
Tacoma (Wash.)	Tacoma (s)	Douglas Lepair & Co.	March 22, daylight.
Vancouver (B.C.)	Empress of China (s)	Cahadian P'te Co.	April 8, at noon.

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

COMPETITION.

THE Short Range CUP and SPOONS will be shot for TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 21st instant, over the 500 and 600 yards distances, commencing at 4 p.m., usual conditions.

HANDGUNS.—These have been thoroughly revised and the New Scale will take effect from this date. A List will be sent to all Members shortly.

F. SMYTH,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 20, 1896. 614

MOGUL LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Mogul.

Captain Baines, will be despatched for the above port on SUNDAY, the 22nd instant, at daylight, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARILL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, March 20, 1896. 507

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, SAMA-RANG AND SOURABAYA.

THE Steamer

Hydro.

Captain Quali, will be despatched for the above port on MONDAY, the 23rd instant, at 4 p.m., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, March 20, 1896. 613

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

THE Co.'s Steamer

Emeralda.

Captain Taylor, will be despatched for the above ports on MONDAY, the 23rd instant, at 4 p.m., instead of as previously advertised.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric Light.

DEPARTED.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, March 20, 1896. 603

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 19.—

Doris, German steamer, 774, W. Brunn,

Saigon March 14, 1896.—JEREM & CO.

March 20.—

Bygg, Norwegian steamer, from Canton,

Emeralda, British str., 968, G. A. Taylor,

Marsella, British str., 1,500, H. Hogg

Shanghai March 16, and Swatow 18, Gen-

eral.—JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.

Juching, British str., 1,895, P. Purse,

Meiji 13, Coal.—WIELER & CO.

Kasan, British steamer, 1,158, A. Son-

derville, Swatow, March 19, General.—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Taicheng, German str., 828, P. Duhme,

Acre Bay March 8, Kerosene Oil.—

MEYER & CO.

Feiching, British str., 999, J. War-

ren, Shanghai March 12, General.—C.

M. S. N. CO.

Cheung Hock Kian, British steamer, 955,

M. Kuan, Singapore March 14, General.

Bun-Hai CHAN.

Ghaze, British str., 1,764, D. Stewart

Bailey, Amoy March 7, General.—DODWELL,

CARILL & CO.

Loc Soh, British steamer, from Canton,

Triumph, German steamer, 703, Miller,

Pakhoi March 16, Hoihow 19, General.—

JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.

Juching, British str., 1,895, J. Rymer,

Jacob March 3, and Singapore 9, Sugar.—

JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.

Feiching, British steamer, 3,277, F. Cole,

Boutibay March 4, and Singapore 15,

Mail and General.—P. & O. S. N. CO.

DEPARTURES.

March 20.—

Cedis, for Cebu.

Jacob Christensen, for Salagon.

Actis, for Hoihow.

Fusatsu, for Shanghai.

CLEARED.

Ingraham, for Saigon.

Elois, for Choochoo.

Ceratex, for New York.

Tengku, for Singapore and London.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:

For Hoihow & BANGKOK.

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SUPREME COURT.
IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.
(Before His Hon. W. M. Goodman, Acting
Chief Justice).

Friday, March 20.

OBTAINING MONEY BY FALSE PRETENCES.

The hearing of the case against Chau Kit Yau, charged with conspiring to obtain \$20,000 from Chau Tak Tung, and also with obtaining four sums of money by false pretences, was resumed to-day.

The examination of the complainant was concluded.

The second witness put in the box was Chau Tak Yung, a nephew of the complainant.

The Court adjourned till to-morrow at ten o'clock.

PAPERS RESPECTING THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE SANITARY BOARD.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

20th March, 1896.

Sir.—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to forward to you for publication the enclosed papers respecting the reconstitution of the Sanitary Board.

These papers will be laid before the Legislative Council when it next meets.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient Servant,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

The Editor, China Mail.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE,

Hongkong, 19th October, 1894.

Sir.—The Committee of this Chamber, in their capacity as representatives of the commercial interests of this Colony, doubt its duty as well as their privilege to address to your Excellency some observations on the recent terrible visitation of disease, which had such alarmingly fatal results, and which for some months so extensively disorganized the normal trade of the port.

The Committee readily recognize the prudence and the energy with which the Government, with the presence of the epidemic had once been fully determined, did not fail to work to repair the damage, and gratefully acknowledge the devotion and self-sacrifice of the Military, Navy and Volunteers, and their valuable aid in this important work. It is with no little satisfaction the Committee express their belief that these gallant efforts have at length been crowned with complete success in stamping out the plague, which they sincerely hope may not appear again.

In view, however, of the imminent loss of life, the utter derangement of the business of the port, involving enormous loss and inconvenience to those engaged therein, and the serious setback to the prosperity of the Colony not yet recovered from the severe financial blow dealt it by the depreciation of exchange, and the long period of depression following the unsound speculative policy of a few years ago, it now becomes important to enquire how far this last and crowning disaster was due to preventable causes, and, if so, to whom should be apportioned the blame and the responsibility.

In embarking on such an enquiry the Committee are actuated by a desire to bring in your Excellency's notice and attention some facts and suggestions thereon that may serve to prevent the perpetration of a faulty and protracted system, repetition of past errors or possible perseverance in a policy of 'drift' and procrastination.

The fact that the sanitation of the City of Victoria was far from satisfactory was officially recognized some fifteen years ago. It is only just to say that, long prior to such recognition, attention had been earnestly called by the Colonial Surgeon, Dr. Price, to the ever-increasing saturation of the soil by sewage, owing to bad drainage, and the predicted calamity which has now taken place, if the evil were not abated. It was not, however, until 1881 that the official recognition of the impending danger took any concrete form, when Mr. Osbert Chadwick was commissioned to make a report on the sanitation of the Colony, and in the following year the conclusion of this expert was given to the Secretary of State for the Colonies in some exhaustive reports. Lord Kimberley, when forwarding these reports, early in 1883 to the Officer Administering the Government (Hon. W. H. Ward), remarked in the fourth paragraph of his covering despatch:—

'What appears to me to be most urgent is that immediate steps should be taken to organize and enforce a thorough house to house and street to street service to the removal of night-soil, garbage, ashes, sweepings, and rubbish of every kind.'

Soon after the receipt of Mr. Chadwick's report, Dr. Ward appointed a permanent Sanitary Board to supervise and control the practical sanitation of the Colony. The Board consisted of the Surveyor General, the Registrar General, and the Colonial Surgeon, with a sanitary inspector and staff. Three months later a Bill entitled 'The Order and Cleanliness Amendment Ordinance' was passed by the Legislative Council. Section II. of this Ordinance empowered the Governor to constitute a permanent Sanitary Board, consisting of the official members above named, and two other unofficial members to be appointed by the Governor. Section III. gave powers to such Sanitary Board to make an overhauling or fit, while section IV. confers on the Board authority to enter and inspect houses. In 1884 Mr. P. MacEwan and Dr. P. Morris were appointed by the Governor the first unofficial members of the Sanitary Board. The meetings of the Board as thus constituted were held in private, and much was known of their work and progress, but it is certain they were wholly employed, and made recommendations concerning the Public Health Ordinance which was read a first time in the Legislative Council on the 6th May, 1887. This highly important and greatly needed enactment, which, after a long discussion was duly passed, sent to the Secretary of State, and approved by Her Majesty, contains all the powers necessary to secure the proper sanitation of the Colony. By it the Sanitary Board is authorized to make bye-laws respecting—

(a) Proper construction, trapping, ventilation, and maintaining of private house drains.

(b) Cleaning, lime washing, and proper sanitary maintenance of all premises in the Colony.

(c) Closing of premises unfit for human habitation and the prohibition of their use as such.

(d) Prevention of overcrowding in places of work.

(e) Defective drains, want of light and ventilation, and accumulation of refuse, dirt, or any unwholesome matter.

(f) Act, omission, or thing which is, or may be dangerous to life or injurious to health.

The Board may authorize any officer to enter and inspect premises on reasonable grounds of the existence of a nuisance, after notice of six hours from giving notice to occupier.

If nuisance is not abated proviso is made for punishment by Magistrate.

Drays.—The Board may require reconstruction of defective house drains and may inspect premises if they believe drains to be defective.

Overcrowding.—Less than 300 cubic feet of clear internal space for each adult shall be considered a nuisance, and proceedings for its abatement to be taken.

In order the better to give effect to the Public Health Ordinance, the Governor (Sir G. William Das Voeux) reconstituted the Sanitary Board, materially increasing the unofficial element, and giving the ratepayers the privilege of electing two gentlemen as their own immediate representatives. Unofficial members appointed and elected on the 11th June, 1888, were as follows:—

Messrs. Wong Shing, James Cantlie, N. J. Ho Kai, Appointed.

Messrs. J. J. Francis, J. D. Humphreys, Elected.

On the reconstruction of the Board it was provided that its meetings should be held in public, and the proceedings have accordingly been regularly reported in the Press.

From what is above stated it will be apparent that the newly-formed Sanitary Board was armed with very ample powers, and that it entered upon its period of office with the full knowledge of the urgent importance of effectively scavenging the City. Although this was the case it would be seen that this department of the Board's work was not performed to the thorough manner which was absolutely necessary for the sake of Tarping-pan, at the cost of much labour and filth in the new colony, could not have marked an improvement on the condition described by Mr. Chadwick in 1881.

The much needed by-laws for regulating the sanitary condition of common lodging houses were not made by the Board until 1891, and when these were approved by the Legislative Council in May of that year, the date of their coming into operation was, at the instance of the Board, deferred to the following year. It is alleged that the responsibility for this failure to carry out the stipulated period of suspension, was that the Board's work was not performed to the thorough manner which was absolutely necessary for the sake of Tarping-pan, at the cost of much labour and filth in the new colony, could not have marked an improvement on the condition described by Mr. Chadwick in 1881.

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A. McCONACHE.

(Minute by the Honourable A. McConachie.)

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Do. (new issue)	20,000	10 2	1 24 15, ex div.	sales
ASPARAGUS.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	100 0	all 121, buyers	
Kuson Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	100 0	now.	
H.K. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	20,000	50	all 94 8, sales and sellers	
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited	2,600	100 0	37 5	89, sellers
SAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	100 0	56 72 2	
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	50 0	36 17, sales	
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co.	26,400	10 0	all 97 5, sales	
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	50 0	40 18, sales	
TRAMWAYS.				
H.K. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,250	100	all 59 4, sales	
MINING.				
Jelabu Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	45,000	5 0	all 82 5, sales and buyers	
Punjab Mining Co., Ltd.	30,000	4 0	87, sales	
Societe Francaise des Charbonnages du Tonkin	12,000	Frs. 500	72 5	
New Balmoral Gold M'g Co., Ltd.	50,000	3 0	all 81 80, sales	
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	300,000	1 0	13 10 54, sales and buyers	
PLANTING, ETC.				
China-Borneo Company, Ltd.	7,500	100 0	65 50, now.	
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited	6,000	50 0	now.	
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DISPENSARIES.				
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LIGHTING.				
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MISCELLANEOUS.				
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International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Fls. 100	Fls. 75	Fls. 56, sales
Lau-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Fls. 100	Fls. 75	Fls. 72 1/2, buyers
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